

A beloved G. B. elder thinks it will be reached by 1908, the second centennial of the Tunker church. I reply, amen.

### TRUST AND OBEY.

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I submit this small effort in Jesus' name, trusting it will do a good work for the advancement of his cause and the upbuilding of his kingdom. Bro. George Ronk's piece has inspired me to write. His piece "Mission in California" was grand and will say that that is just what is needed here—more mission to teach the perishing souls perfect obedience to God's command.

Surely it could be done if the consecrated ones would go forth in his strength. Then they are sure of success and may our all-wise God speed the day, as precious souls are passing away every day to their eternal home, unprepared for eternity.

God help us to be up and doing and proclaim the message of salvation. 'Tis so sweet and true, and can be had without money and without price. The piece on Obedience, in No. 29, is so grand and true. I for one want more and more to be obedient.

Trust in the Lord and do good. Trust in the Lord "first"—not do good and then trust, but trust in God and do good. We can know God in no way so highly as to trust him with the whole heart. With implicit confidence believe his word and commit all into his hands. We are oftentimes afraid to do this.

We say complainingly, we cannot see how things have turned out as they have. We think we have done the best we could and yet it seems that things have gone against us. What is the trouble? You cannot tell. Now, before doing our best we ought to have committed ourselves and our efforts all into the hands of our God. Do not do good and trust in God for results, but trust in God first, knowing that he is true and doeth all things well.

God has all wisdom and all power and loves you. Why should you fear? God gave his own son to redeem you. Why should you be afraid? Distrust father, mother, brother, sister or friend, but never, never be afraid to trust God.

Trust in God is followed by a life of rectitude and good deeds and the very trust we put in him makes us delight to walk in his laws and bless our fellow men.

It is useless for us to talk about trusting God if we habitually do those things which displease him. Trusting God does not mean to sit inactive and indolent, but to use the means he has put into our hands. Implicitly trusting a lawyer, a doctor or a counselor means to do as he directs. We trust God when we do as he commands. Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

## King's Children.

### HOW TO MAKE GOD'S WILL OUR WILL AND THE RESULT.—Philippians 2:1-13.

Topic for October 3.

#### DAILY READINGS.

- M. An obstinate will, Jer. 44:15-23.
- T. A fatal will, Ex. 10:1-20.
- W. A righteous will, Josh. 24:14-23.
- T. God's will, Rom. 8:26-30.
- F. "Teach me thy will," Ps. 143:1-12.
- S. "Not as I will," Matt. 26:36-46.

This is a good topic. With many the Christian life is one of continual struggle and of defeat because they have not learned the secret of abiding which results in having "The mind of Christ" which in turn results in a Christ-like life as naturally as apples grow on an apple tree. As the branch draws from the vine its strength and nature so the disciple who realizes and keeps the company of the Savior gains from him his spirit and power.

As the scriptures bearing on this or any topic are read the leader should comment and see that their connection and teaching are clearly understood.

#### GOD'S WILL.

- 1. Above ours, Isa. 55:7-9.
- 2. Is true and right, I Tim. 2:13.
- 3. Merciful, Neh. 9:17; Ps. 85:8.
- 4. Loving, Rom. 5:8.

#### HOW WE ACQUIRE IT.

- 1. By receiving Christ, John 1:12.
- 2. By keeping in touch with him, I John 3:2, 3.
- 3. By beholding him, II Cor. 3:18.
- 4. By prayer, Mark 14:38.
- 5. By thinking on right things, Phil. 4:8.
- 6. By reading the word, Josh. 1:8.
- 7. By good company, I Cor. 15:33; R. V.
- 8. By practicing it, Heb. 5:14.
- 9. By abiding in Him, I Cor. 7:24.

#### THE RESULTS.

- 1. Children of God, Rom. 8:1 and 14.
- 2. Seeks the things above, Col. 3:1.
- 3. Live right, Titus 2:11, 12.
- 4. Do the things that please Him, John 8:29.
- 5. Victory over sin, Gal. 5:16, 17.
- 6. Answered prayer, I John 5:14, 15.
- 7. Boldness, I John 4:17, 18.
- 8. His spirit, Gal. 5:22, 23; Jas. 3:17.
- 9. His power, Acts 1:8; John 14:12.
- 10. His likeness, Matt. 5:48; Luke 6:36.

#### HOW KNOW GOD'S WILL.

- 1. By the Word, John 5:39; Ps. 119:104, 105.
- 2. By the Spirit, I John 2:27; John 14:26.
- 3. By attendant circumstances, Acts 11:16-18 and 13:46 etc.

#### FOR DISCUSSION.

1. What are our means of grace and how do they help us?
2. Why can not an unconverted person have the mind of Christ?
3. How does neglect of duty make us weak?
4. What are some things we will not do if we have the mind of Christ?
5. How can we decide about doubtful things? John 7:17 and 8:29.

#### ILLUSTRATIVE.

A weak electric current brought near a stronger one will change its direction to that of the stronger. Just so as we come in touch with God our wills become lost to his.

He will and must have a suitable medium or it cannot manifest itself. We can never do his will if we harbor sins or bad habits or refuse to obey his commandments. The clean life is essential to power or guidance or answer to prayer.

Not by one great miracle but by continuing in the school of Christ we acquire his likeness and find it natural to do the things that please him.

### TO A YOUNG CONVERT.

The way to be able to perform is to do at first the simplest duties that fall to you. It is not required to attempt what is not possible, nor even what is very difficult. Doing the little things opens the way to the doing of great things. That is the law of learning music. It is the way to learn a language. And doing well what we come to frightens difficulties away. The reason some pupils are able to go on so easily and well in their studies is because they leave no lessons unlearned, or half learned, behind them. Thus study becomes a delight.

It is so with the young Christian. He supposes a fine, long prayer must be offered by him in the first prayer meeting he attends after he unites with the church or that a speech is expected of him that will do him honor, and give promise of future usefulness and fame. He is all wrong about this. Nobody wishes him to pray long or eloquently, or to speak learnedly or at length. That would be immodest and out of place in one of his experience. The truth is short prayers and short talks, and texts quoted, are what are needed in all our prayer meetings. This idea is helping the prayer meetings of our day. It is a good thing the time has gone by when a performance was looked for in the social religious meetings of the church. A religious performance in a religious meeting is not religious, and is surely distasteful to God and to good men. There is no reason, now, why young converts should not begin at once to help in the prayer meeting.

Great gain will flow from a good beginning in these matters. If we want our religion to thrive, we must put it into practice. Doing is the key to knowing. There is one text that better than any other